

Concord Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

2/11/2026 Council Chambers Room, City Hall Annex

Members Present: Fran Philippe, Judy Weatherby (Alternate), Andrew Gould (Secretary), Mark Cheever (Chair), Jason Massa, Max Hankard (Alternate), Nick Holmes (Vice Chair) and Rebecca Ross.

Staff: Ron Klemarczyk (City Forester), Kearsten O'Brien (Senior Planner), Beth Fenstermacher (Director of Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives) and Carl Matson (Trail Ranger)

Other: Jeff Lewis (Conservation Commission)

Absent: Rik Van Riel

Guests: None

1. Meeting called to order at 5:16 PM.
2. Approval of 1/14/26 meeting minutes. Rebecca Ross made the motion, Fran Philippe seconded the motion, unanimous.
3. Trails maintenance and reporting
 - a. Ron Klemarczyk:
 - Drafted the signs for the cellar holes at Broken Ground.
 - Drafted the history summary for the Locke Rd. trails.
 - b. Carl Matson:
 - Removed invasive plants at the West Portsmouth Street trails.
 - Noted illegal snowmobiling at Morono Park.
 - Clearing Trail heads for access.
 - c. Annual Report:
 - Reviewed 2025 accomplishments
 - 2026 goals were discussed and will align on other areas to explore, capacity permitting:
 - A. Complete trail guide.
 - B. Finish review of the 2021 Concord Trails Plan.
 - C. Continue work on establishing all-persons trails.
 - D. Create a "hike the cities trail networks" challenge where a checklist and a badge would be available.
 - E. Host a Trail Stewards appreciation day and take a group photo.
 - F. Install cellar hole signage at Broken Ground.
 - G. Finish the new West End Farm Trail section and possibly hold a ribbon cutting celebration.
 - H. Make edits to the Trails Subcommittee webpage.
 - I. Review accuracy of the All-Trails app for accuracy
 - J. Increase outreach to schools about our trail networks.

4. Old Business
 - a. All-persons trails: no discussion
 - b. West End Farm Trail: Five items remaining- signage, blazes, updating maps, building the fence and a possible opening ceremony.
 - c. Trail Guide Updates for Review:
 - i. West Locke Road- this will be new map #19.
 - ii. West End Farm Trail- review in March.
 - iii. MRGT and Terrill Park-add new section up to the Loudon Road bridge.
 - iv. West End Farm Trail connector- review in March.
 - v. Russell Martin Park- no edits.
 - vi. Swope and Winant- no edits.
 - d. Broken Ground cellar hole signs: Fran presented the draft signs to be made. Fran made the motion to order the signs. Rebecca Ross seconded the motion, unanimous.
5. Other business:
 - a. Hikes
 - February 21, 2026, Broken Ground
 - March 8, 2026, Jim Hill Riverwalk
 - April TBD
 - May 2, 2026, NH Audubon walk at Contoocook River Park
6. Staff Updates: None
7. Concord Trails Plan Chapters 4&5 discussion: Did not discuss.
8. Adjourn at 6:40. Nick Holmes made the motion, Judy Weatherby seconded the motion, unanimous.

Andrew Gould

Secretary